

**Town of Webster
Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting – January 23, 2020**

Attending: Commissioners – Chairman Joseph Wigglesworth, Vice Chairman Michelle Sherillo, Klarissa Johnson, Dan Duteau, Robin Jewell and Fred Bock

Staff – Mary Overholt, Conservation Agent, Clerk Kelly Gorham

Meeting called to order: 5:35 p.m.

Location: Selectmen's Meeting Room
Webster Town Hall

Meeting Minutes

Ms. Sherillo motion to continue the meeting minutes from January 6, 2020 to February 3, 2020. Mr. Duteau second. Vote all in favor.

Notice of Intent

31 Wawela Park Road – *Continued from January 6, 2020* – This project is the construction of a single family home. Zac Couture from H.S. & T. group presents the plans to the Board. The property owner is Michael Branowicki. The small garage and pavement will be removed. There are impervious calculations on the updated plans and there is also landscaping plans. They are adding 20 different shrubs from the native species list and a tree in the front corner. A silt fence, straw wattles and a construction entrance will be used. A spill kit is on the plan near limit of work sign, close to water. The stockpile area is in front of the house. The track mat will be coarse gravel. There will be a turbidity curtain in water. Some trees will be cleared out and there is a stump to be removed where the patio will go. They will keep bank stabilized. There is a tree in the corner and a smaller tree to be removed; those stumps will be pulled out and ground. The stumps near the shore will stay for stabilization. The bank will remain natural. Mr. Wigglesworth asks if they can plant one or two trees near the Lake for shade, such as sugar maple or birch. The planting plan was given to Ms. Overholt. The small patio close to the stairs will be 5 x 5. Impervious pavers will be used, 1/2 inches apart. There is a base of crushed stone under the patio and they are filing for the Chapter 91 permit. Sod will be used on the embankment. There are recharge calculations on the plan. The driveway will be paved. Ms. Sherillo motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Duteau second. Vote all in favor. Mr. Bock motion to issue the standard residential order of conditions. Mr. Duteau second. Vote all in favor.

17 Lakeview Road – This project is the drilling of a well for an existing home. Mr. Wigglesworth opened the public hearing. Stephen Balcewicz from B.C. Engineering & Survey, Inc. is representing the owner, Brian Langelier. They are drilling a well approximately 75 feet from the water. A spill kit will be located near the drilling. There is a well on the adjacent vacant lot, but that will be used for a new house, and this existing home will need a well. No work is being done on the vacant lot at this time. A trench will go from the house to the well for the line. They may have to remove a couple stones in the small retaining wall near the house. Mr. Bock would like them to use a double wattle, Mr. Wigglesworth recommends a filter sock. Mr. Duteau motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor. Mr. Bock motion to issue the standard residential order of conditions. Ms. Sherillo second. Vote all in favor.

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10 Reid Smith Cove Road – This project is an addition to a single family home. Mr. Wigglesworth opened the public hearing. Stephen Balcewicz from B.C. Engineering & Survey, Inc. is representing the owner, Rory Duquette. The detached garage is proposed to be razed. There are gutters. There is about a 20 foot drop where shrubs will be removed. No trees will be removed. The dock can be added to the Notice of Intent for when they apply for their Chapter 91 permit. A revised plan was presented. There are straw wattles, a silt fence and a 55 gallon spill kit. They are tearing down the garage. They will be increasing 200 sq. feet of impervious. There will be gutters and a rain barrel. No cultecs can be positioned under the driveway because it is too close to the retaining wall. The photos from the site visit were reviewed. Timbers from the retaining wall will be replaced and they will also replace a portion of the driveway. Poured concrete will be used for the wall. There will be a walkout basement at the same elevation. The proposed building includes a drive-in garage at the existing level of the driveway with a second story on the garage. There will be a curb on the driveway. Mr. Bock thinks another rain barrel is necessary. A drywell can't be used near the wall. One rain barrel is on the plan and the location of the other will be determined. There are no further questions. Ms. Sherillo motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor. Mr. Bock motion to issue the standard residential order of conditions to include a second rain barrel and Chapter 91 permit. Ms. Sherillo second. Vote all in favor.

Discussion

Loveland Road Lot 2 – This discussion is regarding a second extension to DEP #323-0993. The plan has been revised. The original plan was farther from the water. The February 14, 2017 plan is the most recent. The site visit is reviewed. It is on a steep slope. There used to be a boat ramp. The garage is in violation as it is on Town property by about an inch. Work hasn't been done due to an illness in the family. The invasives across the street were removed. The original plan had two patios but now there is only one. The patio will be pervious pavers with gaps. On the new plan the patio is about 4 feet from the water and the house is 14 feet from the water. It is preexisting-nonconforming. Mr. Bock suggests increasing the stone depth underneath to about 6 inches. Mr. Wigglesworth asked if they could make the patio 5 feet to bring it back further from the water. The house will overhang the patio and the second floor deck would be 4 feet from the water. It is an open deck. The mean high water mark was delineated in 2013. The elevation was 478.87 and the 100 year was 481. The base of the wall is 480. There is a cultec chamber. The existing driveway will stay. Note that the plan must be stamped by an engineer when submitted in the future. The total square footage of the house is 1236; the width of the patio is a foot less. A portion of the roof will go to cultec chambers and there will also be a level spreader. They can add vegetation like highbush blueberry. Cedar can be used also. There's been a dock there since the 1950's and the owner may have photos to prove that to the state for the dock permit. There will be a dumpster trucked in and out as needed. They will need a minor modification for the plan and then it can be extended.

136 Killdeer Road – This is an RDA that needs to be ratified. Only one tree was removed and the description on the Determination will be changed to reflect that. Ms. Sherillo motion to issue the negative Determination. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor.

Wetland Setback Policy Revisions - The revision includes edits from Town Counsel Jay Talerman, and Mr. Duteau. Ms. Overholt also drafted a paragraph for review. The policy is a guideline and a bylaw is a law. Other towns have policies with no issues. All municipalities are different. The Commission needs to educate the residents as to why this is needed. The Board discusses how they can make decisions on a case by case basis. The Board should develop a relationship with the other Boards. Zoning is outdated

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around the Lake. Ms. Jewell suggests office hours with the Commissioners for public education, similar to what the Board of Selectmen does.

Recess 7:30 – 7:35

The Board should agree on the language for the policy and send revisions back to Mr. Talerma to approve. There should be a specific part about the Lake. Additional comments or wording should be sent to Ms. Overholt by Tuesday.

Dumping on Loveland Road – This is happening across from #11 Loveland. Ms. Overholt took photos. A letter should go out to the neighbors. Ms. Overholt will see if DPW has No Dumping signs. She would like the signs to state it is a wetland area.

Glenn Krevosky requests the water quality studies from LKQ. Ms. Overholt will send them an email regarding the time table for that.

Webster Lake Association Update – Mass. DEP has a brochure with guidelines on how to handle applications for aquatic vegetation programs. The WLA would have to refile in order to do it correctly and to be in line with the program. The original application addressed weed control as a project and this is ongoing. Needs to be addressed that way in the application. It is not a limited project, it's a program. It is long term. Ms. Sherillo feels that if they turn this over to DEP, then they will lose control as Conservation Commission. The Board appreciates what the organization does for the lake and for the town. Ms. Jewell, who works for the Webster Lake Association, states that the commission should make known they are upholding and enforcing laws. Ms. Sherillo will send an email to Randy Becker and Town Administrator to update them on what was accomplished at their meeting with Jason Piader.

There is a large clearing that was done on Route 16. The Planning Board is looking into it.

The permit expired for Reid Smith Cove – it is an old project. Ms. Overholt will recommend an RDA since the NOI expired. The parking area was not on the original plan.

The stockpile needs to be moved and erosion controls need to be fixed at 75 Lakeside.

There are 3 lots for sale at the end of Cooper Road.

Mr. Wigglesworth and Ms. Sherillo will meet on Saturday to discuss the bylaw.

Ms. Johnson motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Duteau second. Vote all in favor.

Next Meeting Date: February 3, 2020 – Selectmen's Meeting Room

Documents:

31 Wawela Road – Notice of Intent Plan Set, H.S. & T. Group, Inc., December 1, 2019, 24" x 36", 3 sheets.

17 Lakeview Road – Site Improvement Plan, B.C. Engineering & Survey Inc., December 11, 2019, 24" x 36", 1 sheet.

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10 Reid Smith Cove Road - Site Improvement Plan, B.C. Engineering & Survey Inc., January 14, 2020, 24" x 36", 1 sheet.

Webster Lake Association – All materials associated with this file can be found in the Office of the Conservation Department.

Wetland Setback Policy - All materials associated with this file can be found in the Office of the Conservation Department.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Gorham
Clerk for the Conservation Agent

Conservation Commission Approval: _____


Chairman

Date: 2-27-2020